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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles - ICE Detains More Than 100 In Los Angeles-Area Immigration Raids

(U) Federal immigration agents have reportedly detained more than 100 people in ongoing sweeps in the Los Angeles area, targeting roughly 400 illegal immigrants across seven Southern California counties. Earlier this month ICE agents demanded proof of legal status for employees at 77 businesses in Northern California and a few weeks before that, ICE conducted targeted arrests at 7-Eleven stores around the country.

SOURCE: 15 February 2018, [NPR](#)

(U) Salinas - Eight Girls Rescued from Salinas Human Trafficking Ring

(U) Four men from cities across the Salinas Valley were arrested in a human trafficking bust, and eight teenage girls were rescued, Salinas police announced yesterday. Police said they anticipate making even more arrests and finding additional victims. The girls were ordered to walk around hotels along Kern Street, Roosevelt Street, and East Market Street in Salinas, while the suspects fielded phones calls from interested "Johns."

SOURCE: 15 February 2018, [KSBW](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia - Man Who Hacked Nasdaq, Helped Steal 160 Million Credit Cards Sentenced

(U) Washington - Two Russian men, Vladimir Drinkman and Dmitriy Smilianets—who pled guilty in 2015 for their involvement in a massive hack of the Nasdaq stock exchange, Citibank, and other major companies—were sentenced on 14 February to 144 months and 51 months in prison, respectively. Prosecutors stated that not only did the men steal over 160 million credit card numbers, they also used their stolen profits to fuel a robust underground market for hacked information. Three remaining defendants remain at large: Roman Kotov of Moscow; Mikhail Rytikov of Ukraine; and Aleksandr Kalinin of St. Petersburg, Russia.

SOURCE: 15 February 2018, [Ars Technica](#)

(U) Illinois - Trader Charged with Stealing \$2 Million in Cryptocurrencies

(U) Chicago - A Chicago trader working for Consolidated Trading LLC faces charges he stole \$2 million in cryptocurrencies from his firm to cover his losses and then lied about it to cover gambling debts, in the first criminal prosecution involving the cryptocurrency industry. The man had secretly transferred about 284 Bitcoins—worth about \$2.8 million—from Consolidated's account to a personal wallet he controlled, then later transferred about 102 of those Bitcoins—worth more than \$1 million—back into a Consolidated account during the same period but lost over \$1.5 million by personally trading the cryptocurrency.

SOURCE: 15 February 2018, [Bloomberg](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) New York - NYPD Seizes Nearly \$10 Million in Fentanyl**

(U) Queens - Police seized close to \$10 million worth of fentanyl that was concealed in packaged fish from a car they were trailing on 1 February, leading to one arrest. The drugs were wrapped within brick-shaped packages covered in green plastic and hidden within chili. Fentanyl is increasingly being mixed into the black market drug supply in New York City and is frequently found in combination with heroin, cocaine, and a variety of synthetic drugs.

SOURCE: 16 February 2018, [Bronx Times](#)

(U) New York - Twin Brothers Arrested for Stockpiling Bombmaking Materials

(U) New York City - A former New York City high school teacher and his twin brother were charged yesterday with attempting to make explosives, in part by paying students to extract gunpowder from fireworks and stockpiling the material since at least October 2017. The mayor said there is no evidence to suggest an ongoing threat to the city or its schools now that the two have been arrested, but said agents are still investigating.

SOURCE: 15 February 2018, [Washington Post](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Indonesia - Radical Islamic Cleric Charged with Inciting Terror Attacks**

(U) Jakarta - Aman Abdurrahman faces the death penalty after being charged yesterday with inciting others to commit various terror attacks in Indonesia, including an attack in Jakarta in 2016 that left four people dead. Officials also referred to the Samarinda church bombing, Kampung Melayu suicide bombing, Medan police-post attack, and the Bima police shootings as attacks incited by Abdurrahman. Police also allege he funded a Jemaah Islamiah paramilitary training camp in Aceh.

SOURCE: 16 February 2018, [Straits Times](#)

(U) Mexico - Catholic Diocese Withdraws Nuns from Violent City

(U) Chilapa - The Roman Catholic diocese where two priests were killed earlier this month has withdrawn all nuns from the violent city of Chilapa in southern Mexico. The diocese said in a statement that the parents of one of the nuns had been killed and that their school had to close for several months last year due to threats from drug gangs operating in the area. Two priests were shot to death and four other people were wounded on 5 February when gunmen attacked their truck as they returned home from a concert in another town in the diocese.

SOURCE: 15 February 2018, [Seattle Times](#)

(U) Trinidad and Tobago - 251 Citizens Suspected of Financing Terrorism

(U) Port of Spain - A significant increase in suspicious transactions related to financing of terrorism was reported to local and international law enforcement agencies by the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago (FIUTT). FIUTT said that between October 2016 and September 2017, suspicious transactions/activity reports related to financing of terrorism increased by 62 percent from the previous year. To date, FIUTT has revealed 251 citizens of Trinidad and Tobago suspected of being involved in financing terrorism and related offenses.

SOURCE: 16 February 2018, [Trinidad & Tobago Guardian](#)

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